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The latest on the Army's new financial ERP

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GET READY TO GO-LIVE!

Message from Leadership

KINGSTOWNE, Va. — 1 October 2008 will mark a significant milestone in the Army's future when General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) Release 1.2 functionality is deployed to Ft Jackson Installation Management Command (IMCOM) and related functions at Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), IMCOM Headquarters (HQ), IMCOM Southeast (SE), and Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA). With this deployment, Release 1.2 organizations will perform financial, asset and real property management functions in one system - GFEBS. GFEBS, the Army's new web-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, will replace scores of largely incompatible legacy accounting and financial management systems used by the Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

Congress signed the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA), requiring all Federal financial management systems provide accurate, reliable and timely financial management information to the government. GFEBS is the solution — ensuring compliance with regulatory and legislative directives focused on centralizing financial systems; fielding cross-functional and enterprise-wide architectures; and delivering accurate, reliable and timely management information.

GFEBS launched in June 2005, using Systems Applications and Products (SAP), a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) ERP system. GFEBS moved quickly and methodically, delivering Release 1.1 in one year, technically demonstrating a minor construction project with GFEBS at Fort Jackson, S.C. GFEBS moved towards full functionality with Release 1.2 to provide organizations new business processes in the areas of Financial, Funds Management, Reimbursable, Spending Chain, Real Property, and Cost Management. Cost Management, a managerial accounting function, is a new concept for the Army that will allow Army personnel to see the economic reality of operational activities upon the entire organization.

The road leading to 1 October has been an exciting and memorable journey with many noteworthy accomplishments GFEBS was recognized for its comprehensive enterprise solution in July 2005, receiving Milestone A approval and in February 2008, Milestone B success; further confirming the Army's commitment to GFEBS mission. In March 2007, GFEBS was awarded Laureate status by the Computer World Honors Program for outstanding innovations within the information technology field for government programs.

The first of October marks another great achievement — built on the hard work and determination of all GFEBS stakeholders, subject matter experts, partners, and sponsors across the Service.

Ultimately, GFEBS will be one of the world's largest ERP systems and one of the first to go-live in the Army, providing an essential decision-making tool for Army leadership. Everyone's tireless work ethic, diverse experience, and goal-driven efforts ensure GFEBS reached success. Take pride in this accomplishment and celebrate its symbolic place in the Army's history. Collectively, each team member and stakeholder pioneered GFEBS and this dedication is deeply appreciated and worthy of recognition.

LOG-IN — GFEBS is live 1 October; be a part of this historical event and put the skills and knowledge gained in training into practice and pave the road to success for the rest of the 78,000 end users and the Army! ∎

To Our Success,

COL Simon L. Holzman

High Marks from the Field

A large scale implementation like GFEBS would not be successful without the hard work and dedication of its end users and their supervisors. Here are some highlights of the work completed in the field to prepare for Release 1.2 deployment:

User Roles

- **117 :** Number of User Roles mapped across nine process areas in Release 1.2
- **6 :** Average number of User Roles assigned to each Release 1.2 end user
- **30 :** Maximum number of roles assigned to <u>one</u> Release 1.2 end user

Training

- **164 :** Number of Instructor-led courses conducted for Release 1.2 end users
- **90 :** Average number of training hours completed by each Release 1.2 end user
- **8 :** Average number of Instructor-led courses required by each Release 1.2 end user

Data Conversion

- **47 :** Number of conversion objects identified across six business process areas
- **477,209 :** Number of records analyzed from Release 1.2 source files
- **118,281 :** Number of data conversion records loaded into GFEBS

GFEBS Go-live Celebration!

A Go-live Celebration will be held on 1 October at Ft Jackson to commemorate the initial fielding of GFEBS functionality. During the event, attendees will see a live transaction within the new GFEBS production environment and will hear remarks from members of GFEBS Leadership, including LTG Edgar E. Stanton, Military Deputy for Budget, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) (ASA(FM&C)). GFEBS thanks all GFEBS Release 1.2 stakeholders for their hard work and dedication to make this deployment a success.
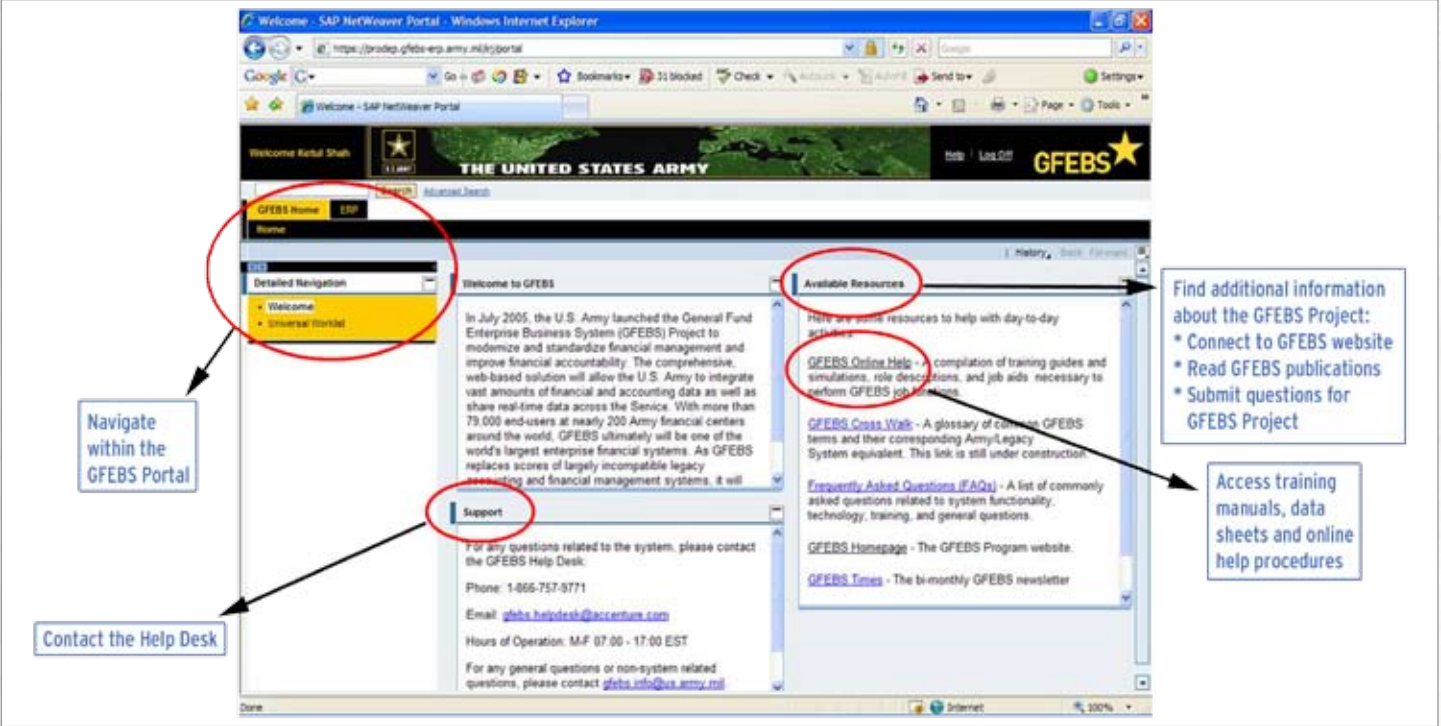
HOW TO LOG INTO GFEBS

1. Log into **AKO** (www.us.army.mil)
2. Click on **Site Map** from top-level navigation bar
3. Scroll down to bottom of the page to **Army Organizations**
4. Under the Army Organizations section, click the **"+"** button next to **Army Organizations**
5. Click the **"+"** button next to **Financials**
6. Click on **GFEBS**
7. Under the GFEBS 1.2 Systems header, click on **GFEBS 1.2 Portal**
8. Select your certifications from the popup box
9. You have now successfully entered the GFEBS Portal! Please spend time exploring the environment and locating the tools available to GFEBS end users.

Please see the image of the GFEBS portal below.

RELEASE 1.2 MAKE-UP TRAINING

Completing GFEBS training is critical! All Release 1.2 training must be completed before end users can gain access to the system and perform their job within GFEBS.

GFEBS will host make-up training throughout the month of October for Release 1.2 end users that have not completed their required training. If you are a Release 1.2 end user and have not completed all training associated with your new GFEBS role, you <u>MUST</u> register for GFEBS Make-up Training on ALMS today: *www.lms.army.mil.*

Release 1.2 Manual Operations Available Online

KINGSTOWNE, Va. — On 1 October, 221 Release 1.2 end users will begin performing business activities in GFEBS; The rest of the Army will continue conducting business in legacy systems; will be fielded GFEBS in waves over the next three years.

Certain functionality and interfaces for GFEBS will not be deployed within Release 1.2. Therefore, end users will be required to use a number of manual operations to ensure all financial and real property information is properly captured. These are intended to be interim processes only; additional functionality will be built into future releases of GFEBS, eliminating the need for these manual operations.

End users can find the detailed list and work instructions for the Release 1.2 manual operations on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at: *https://www.us.army. mil/suite/folder/12697308*

For additional questions about the Release 1.2 manual operations, please send an email to GFEBS' Eugene Ramsey at *Eugene.Ramsey@us.army.mil.* In your email please indicate your question and what process area it applies to. ∎

Have a question about GFEBS? There is a comprehensive set of resources available to find the answers you need.

Post Deployment Support	
Resource	**Link / Contact Information**
GFEBS Help Desk	GFEBS.Helpdesk@accenture.com 1-866-757-9771 Weekdays 7am-5pm ET
GFEBS Onsite Support	1-866-757-9771
General Questions	GFEBS.info@us.army.mil
GFEBS Online Help	https://trgep.gfebs-erp.army.mil/nav/nav/index.htm * CAC Log-in Required
GFEBS Website	http://www.gfebs.army.mil/
GFEBS FAQs	http://www.gfebs.army.mil/faqs/
AKO	http://www.us.army.mil/
ALMS	http://www.lms.army.mil/
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